

# Bob Dylan - Black Diamond Bay

Tom: **G**

Note: the Em, C, **G** progression can be played best if you first pick a bass note (listen to album for pitch) then strum the chord.

Also **C** can be alternated with C if you prefer.

Chords used:

**Em** - 022000  
**C** - X32010  
**C** - 302010  
**G** - 320003  
**D** - XX0232  
**Am** - X02210  
**Am7** - X02010

Verse

**Em**  
Up on the white veranda  
**C** **G**  
She wears a neck tie and a panama hat  
**Em**  
Her passport shows her face from  
**C** **G**  
Another time and place she looks nothing like that  
**D**  
And all of the remnants of her  
**C D C Em G**  
Recent past are scattered in the wild wind  
**D**  
She walks across the marble floor where a  
**C D C Em G**  
Voice from the gambling room is calling her to come on in  
**Em Am**  
She smiles walks the other way  
**C D C Em Am C**  
As the last ship sails and the moon fades away  
**C Am7 Am G C Am7 Am G**  
>From Black Diamond Bay

(Continue as above through remaining verses)

As the morning light breaks open  
The Greek walks down and he asks for a rope and a pen that will write  
Pardon monsieur the Desk Clerk says  
Carefully removes his fez, am I hearing you right  
And as the yellow fog is lifting  
The Greek is quickly heading for the second floor  
She passes him on the spiral staircase  
Thinking he's the Soviet ambassador  
She starts to speak but he walks away  
As the storm clouds rise and the palm branches sway  
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**A** Soldier sits beneath the fan doing  
Business with the Tiny Man who sells him a ring

Lightning strikes the lights blow out  
The Desk Clerk wakes he begins to shout can you see anything  
Then the Greek appears on the second floor in his  
Barefeet with a rope around his neck  
While the loser in the gambling room  
Lights up a candle says open up another deck  
But the dealer says attendez-vous sil vous plait  
As the rain beats down and the cranes fly away  
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The Desk Clerk heard the Woman laugh as he  
Looked around in the aftermath and the soldier got tough  
He tried to grab the Woman's hand  
Said here's a ring it cost a grand she said that ain't enough  
Then she ran upstairs to pack her bags while a  
Horse-drawn taxi waited at the curb  
She passed the door that the Greek had locked where a  
Hand-written sign read Do not disturb  
She knocked upon it anyway  
As the sun went down and the music did play  
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I've got talk to someone quick but the  
Greek said go away and kicked the chair to the floor  
He hung there from the chandelier she  
Cried help there's danger near please open up the door  
Then the volcano erupted and the  
Lava flowed down from the mountain high above  
The Soldier and the Tiny Man were  
Crouched in the corner thinking of forbidden love  
The Desk Clerk says it happens every day  
As the stars fell down and the fields burned away  
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As the island slowly sank the  
Loser finally broke the bank in the gambling room  
The dealer said it's too late now you can  
Take your money but I don't know how you'll spend it in the tomb  
The Tiny Man bit the Soldier's ear as the  
Floor caved in and the boiler in the basement blew  
While she's out on the balcony where a  
Stranger tells her my darling je vous aime beaucoup  
She sheds a tear then begins to pray  
As the fire burns on and the smoke drifts away  
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I was sitting home alone one night in  
**LA** watching old Cronkite on the seven o'clock news  
It seems there was an earthquake there  
Left nothing but a panama hat and a pair of old Greek shoes  
Didn't seem like much was happening so I  
Turned it off and went to grab another beer  
Seems like every time you turn around there's  
Another hard luck story that you're gonna hear  
And there's really nothing anyone can say  
And I never did plan to go anyway  
To Black Diamond Bay

Instrumental verse

## Acordes

